

REMARKS

Summary of Substance of Interview

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courteous and productive telephonic interview conducted on February 7, 2008. During the interview, Applicant's representative indicated that claims 1 and 21 were generic to withdrawn claims 13-15 and 31-33, respectively, and therefore these claims were eligible to be rejoined. Further, proposed amendments to withdrawn claims 13-15 and 31-33 to put the claims in condition for allowance were discussed. Minor amendments to claim 1 to correct matters of form were also discussed.

The Examiner agreed that claims 1 and 21 were generic and that the proposed amendments to claims 13-15 and 31-33 would put the claims in condition for rejoinder and allowance. The Examiner also agreed that the proposed minor amendments to claim 1 were acceptable.

Ex parte Quayle Action

In the ex parte Quayle Action, the Examiner indicates that withdrawn claims 13-15 and 31-33, which were non-elected with traverse, should be canceled in order to allow the application to pass to issue.

As noted above in the Summary of Substance of Interview, the Examiner subsequently agreed that allowed claim 1 is generic to claims 13-15 and allowed claim 21 is generic to claims 31-33. Applicant has amended claims 1, 13-15 and 31-33 as agreed upon with the Examiner during the above-noted interview. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that withdrawn claims 13-15 and 31-33 are in condition for allowance requests that withdrawn claims 13-15 and 31-33 be rejoined.

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance with claims 1, 3-21, 23-38, 43 and 44.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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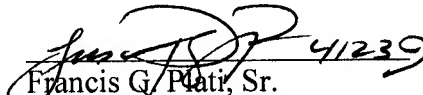
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